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HOWARD PAWLEY ON FREE TRADE

CBC: Free trade has long been attractive in the resource-based economies of the three western most provinces. But Manitoba Premier Howard Pawley surprised many observers by going along with his colleagues.

GRAY: Premier Pawley, why have you done this after holding out for so long?

PAWLEY: Well Elizabeth there's been no holding out. Last year in Kelowna certainly we supported sectoral free trade discussions. Understanding at that time in Kelowna a year ago that there would have to be exceptions to the rules, given the situation in Manitoba, likewise the communique that was issued yesterday dealing with the common market proposal indicated very clearly, and I quote, where jobs are threatened by such a new trading arrangement provisions for an extensive period of adjustment will have to be made for particular sectors and for those adversely affected in the job area.